

**Advisory Council for
Asian Pacific American Affairs
April 6, 2006 Meeting Summary**

The Advisory Council for Asian Pacific American Affairs held its April meeting at the Cadillac Place Office Building in Detroit with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting began with a presentation on the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights by Linda V. Parker, Director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

The Council heard from Remedios Solarte, R.N., Martha Cabarios, R.N., and Sofia Bole, R.N. of the Philippine Nurses Association of Michigan, along with the Coalition of Michigan Organizations of Nursing regarding their work to circulate a petition letter to abolish the Commission on Graduate of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination requirement for foreign nurses.

The Council reviewed the work of its writing team, which has been producing a policy and recommendation document based on the information gathered from town hall meetings, surveys of the APA community and additional research. This document, once finalized, will be presented by the Council to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Council's Overall Committee report was received. The Committee/Council has agreed to support CAPA's (Council of Asian Pacific Americans) "Splendor of the East" celebration in Detroit on May 4 by helping to sell tickets. The Committee/Council will also be supporting Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood during Asian Heritage Month celebration at the Capitol on May 16.

The Council voted to adopt and issue an Affirmative Action Resolution.

The Council and Director Linda V. Parker awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Michael Roblee of MetaDynamics for his contribution to the Council throughout its strategic planning process.

The Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>.